

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated January 17, 2007. Claims 61 to 69 are pending in the application. Claims 61, 63, 64, 66, 67 and 69 have been amended. Claims 61, 64, and 67 are in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 63 and 66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for alleged indefiniteness. The amendments to Claims 63 and 66 are seen to attend to this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 61 to 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,609,050 (Li) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,432,904 (Wong). Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

The present invention generally concerns a management server storing a customer database constituted by user information for managing a user, a repair fee calculation table for calculating a repair fee estimate, and a price table for specifying a price of an equipment of the user. A check is made whether the equipment of the user is under warranty by looking up the customer database on the basis of user information received from a user terminal via a network. If it is checked that the equipment of the user is not under warranty, the repair fee estimate is calculated by looking up the repair fee calculation table on the basis of a failure code received from the user terminal. The price of the equipment of the user is specified by looking up the price table on the basis of the failure code, and a determination is made whether a ratio of the calculated repair fee estimate to the specified price is a predetermined value or more.

Among its many features, the present invention provides for (1) if it is determined that the ratio of the calculated repair fee estimate to the specified price is equal to or more than the predetermined value, transmitting to the user terminal via the network window information for displaying the calculated repair fee estimate and new products information, and window information for displaying a type of method for recovering an article to be repaired and a type of method for delivering the repaired article, 2) if it is determined that the ratio of the calculated repair fee estimate to the specified price is not equal to or more than the predetermined value, transmitting to the user terminal via the network window information for displaying the calculated repair fee estimate, and window information for displaying a type of method for recovering an article to be repaired and a type of method for delivering the repaired article, and (3) if it is checked that the equipment of the user is under warranty, transmitting to the user terminal via the network window information for displaying a type of method for recovering an article to be repaired and a type of method for delivering the repaired article, without transmitting window information for displaying the calculated repair fee estimate.

Referring specifically to the claims, independent Claims 61, 64, and 67 are respectively directed to a server, a method and a computer-readable storage medium.

The applied references of Li and Wong are not seen to disclose or suggest at least foregoing features (1) to (3).

As understood by Applicants, Li is merely seen to disclose presenting an estimated monetary amount of a vehicle and analyzing assurance.

However, Li is not seen to disclose (1) transmitting, if it is determined that the ratio of the calculated repair fee estimate to the specified price is equal to or more than

the predetermined value, to the user terminal via the network window information for displaying the calculated repair fee estimate and new products information, and window information for displaying a type of method for recovering an article to be repaired and a type of method for delivering the repaired article. In addition, Li is not seen to disclose (2) transmitting, if it is determined that the ratio of the calculated repair fee estimate to the specified price is not equal to or more than the predetermined value, to the user terminal via the network window information for displaying the calculated repair fee estimate, and window information for displaying a type of method for recovering an article to be repaired and a type of method for delivering the repaired article. Furthermore, Li is not seen to disclose (3) transmitting, if it is checked that the equipment of the user is under warranty, to the user terminal via the network window information for displaying a type of method for recovering an article to be repaired and a type of method for delivering the repaired article, without transmitting window information for displaying the calculated repair fee estimate.

In addition, Wong has been reviewed and is not seen to compensate for the deficiencies of Li. In particular, although Wong may be seen to disclose enabling a user to select replacement or repair of a part of a vehicle based on cost, Wong is not seen to disclose or suggest foregoing features (1) to (3).

Accordingly, based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, independent Claims 61, 64 and 67 as amended are believed to be allowable over the applied references.

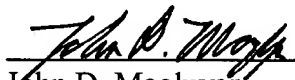
The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the

invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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